

NEWARK COALITION FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Newark is faced with a housing crisis for its low-income population. As reported in the Star Ledger on November 27th, the city's homeless population is estimated at over 8,000 and the Newark Housing Authority has 11,000 families on its waiting list for public housing.

As part of its "Master Plan", the Housing Authority will reduce public housing in the city of Newark by over 3,200 apartments. The Authority has already demolished 800 subsidized units at Scudder Homes. Their plans call for the demolition of all high rise, family public housing buildings except those at Stella Wright and Kretchmer Homes.

The Coalition for Low-Income Housing believes that Newark needs to preserve and build more low income housing. The Coalition supports the following set of principles:

- (1) That the Newark Housing Authority accept its legal responsibility to preserve and provide safe, decent and sanitary low-income rental housing.
- (2) That the Newark Housing Authority cease from demolishing any additional high rise public housing buildings.
- (3) That the Newark Housing Authority provide for a one-for-one replacement of housing units demolished.
- (4) That the Newark Housing Authority proceed with the building of new townhouse rental units on available, vacant land already owned by the Authority or City of Newark and not on land where existing public housing units are located.
- (5) That the Newark Housing Authority honor all legal rights of tenants under federal and state laws.
- (6) That the Newark Housing Authority not sell any land currently being used for low-income housing for the development of middle and upper income housing.
- (7) That the Newark Housing Authority utilize existing modernization funds to provide services and to make necessary repairs to ensure safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions for all its tenants living in all public housing buildings.

To join the Coalition as an individual or group, please fill out the coupon and mail to: Newark Coalition for Low-Income Housing
Post Office Box 5102
Newark, NJ 07105

_____ I want to join the Coalition.

_____ List my group as a member of the Coalition.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

GROUP NAME _____
(if any)

ADDRESS _____